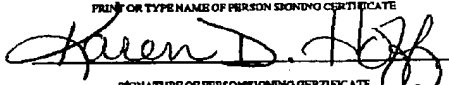
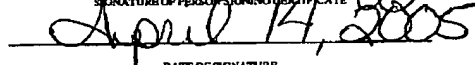


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Responsive to the Official Action dated March 15, 2005, please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as detailed hereinafter and reconsider the claims in view of the arguments presented hereinafter.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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